

shown therein to have a thin film dielectric of a thickness in the range of about 0.25-0.75 μ m disposed on a surface of an electrode provided on a carrier substrate.

The Malone et al. patent is silent about the thickness of the a dielectric disposed on the surface of the electrode provided on a surface of the carrier substrate in the ceramic passive component shown therein and does not even teach, or suggest, that this dielectric is a thin film dielectric. It is therefore considered that a person of ordinary skill in the art would find no incentive in the Malone et al. patent to limit the thickness of the dielectric disposed on the electrode provided on the carrier substrate to a range of about 0.25-0.75 μ m.

An early allowance of the claims and case is requested.

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